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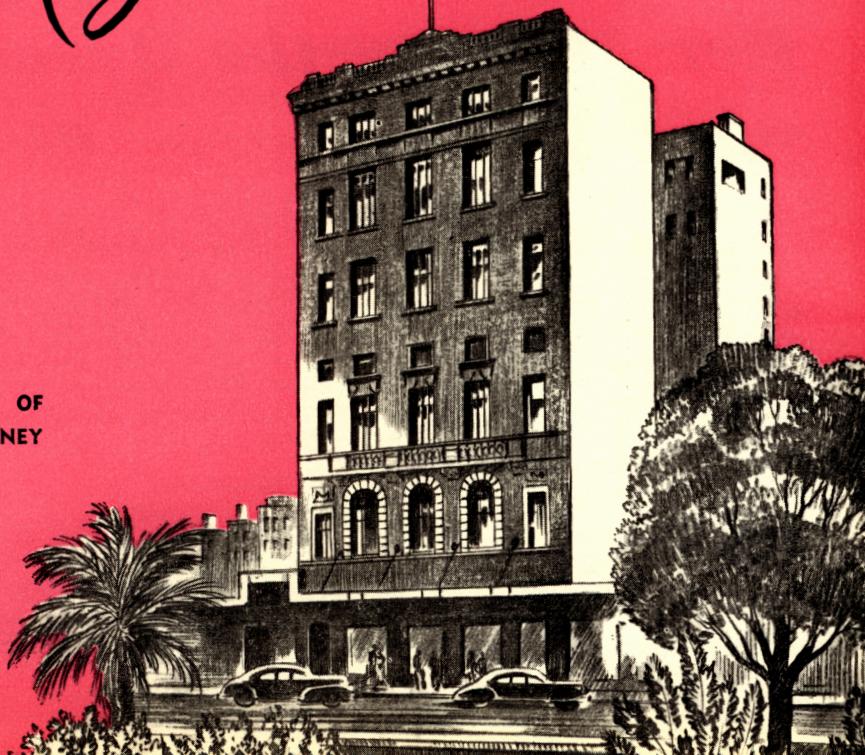
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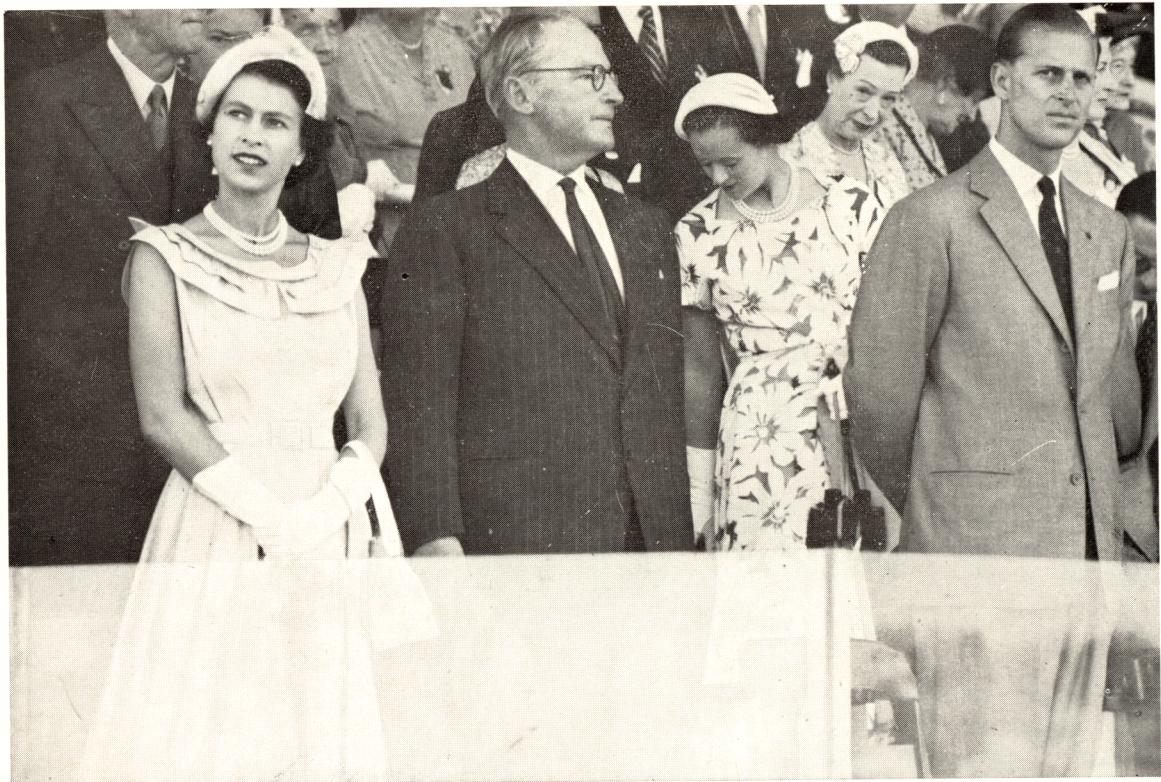
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PICTURE OF THE MONTH



Her Majesty the Queen at Randwick

This historic picture, taken at Randwick on Saturday, 6th February, shows the first occasion that the reigning monarch has visited a race meeting in Australia. With Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh in the Royal Box, are the chairman of the A.J.C., Mr. A. G. Potter, and the Queen's Lady-in-Waiting, Lady Alice Egerton. It was an occasion that will live long in the memory of members who were fortunate enough to be able to attend the meeting and see the Queen in happy mood, enjoying a particularly fine day's racing.

Photo. courtesy "The Sun."



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KEEPING POSTED

A NUMBER of members and their lady guests had the privilege of seeing Her Majesty the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh from the comfort of the First Floor on the day of the Royal Progress, Wednesday, 3rd February. The Committee wisely arranged for light refreshments to be available on the holiday, and the members present — many of whom arrived extremely bright and early — were grateful for this grandstand-seat de-luxe! The Queen's car kept to the left of Elizabeth Street and the view of Her Majesty was therefore unrestricted — members said afterwards that she had given a special extra acknowledgment as she passed, but maybe that is just imagination!

RUBE SYMONDS was a bit unlucky at the Queen's Meeting when his horse Lloric just failed to win the St. James' Handicap, the last race of the programme . . . and at 80-1, too. Lloric lead to the distance, and battled gamely with Fort William, but failed by a length and a half to take the honours. His win would also have completed a grand double for Harry Darwon.

CONGRATULATIONS are richly deserved by Harry Darwon, who had the honour of training Blue Ocean, winner of the Queen Elizabeth Stakes. The nine-year-old gelding sustained an amazing burst of speed throughout the race, shattering the Randwick record for the mile and a half by 1½ seconds, and equalling Palfresco's long-standing Australian record of 2 min. 27¾ sec. It was a great race, a race fit for a Queen!! And Her Majesty's comments to Harry Darwon were very complimentary when she presented the cup to the winner.

PICTURE NIGHT
of the
Davis Cup Film
Wednesday, 24th Feb.
at 8 p.m. in the Clubroom
Members may bring 3 guests—
Ladies or Gentlemen

EDITORIAL: Sporting Heritage

While his mother and his father are being received right royally in Australia, there is a little boy in England wondering what it's all about.

As yet too young to understand, in due course he will feel the influence of this imperial mission of his parents. What is told him by way of interest and instruction will help him in the years to come to form a broader conception of the vast territory called the British Commonwealth of Nations and a more intimate understanding of its peoples.

Those things apart, Prince Charles will also be brought up in the sporting traditions of his parents as we know them, of his grandparents, his great-grandparents and—going back to King Edward and Queen Alexandria—of his great-great-grandparents, as we remember them. This is important because the British Commonwealth of Nations, specially those parts peopled

by Britons, is the home of sport and of sportsmanship. These people (including ourselves) play hard and, often, argue hard; but sport, meaning sportsmanship, is always led in a winner in the ultimate.

In their travels through N.Z. and here, the Queen and Duke have availed themselves of opportunities to attend sports meetings; not only race meetings. Such parents will wish that their son, the heir apparent to the throne, understand the British way of life in the sporting realm; that he should play sport as something out of which he may get something to develop his better self as well as, by reason of his exalted station, set an example to others.

Tattersall's Club, a sporting club, hopes that, in the years ahead, it will put up the decorations again; this time to greet a sporting Prince and a prince of sportsmen.

Happy Birthday to You!

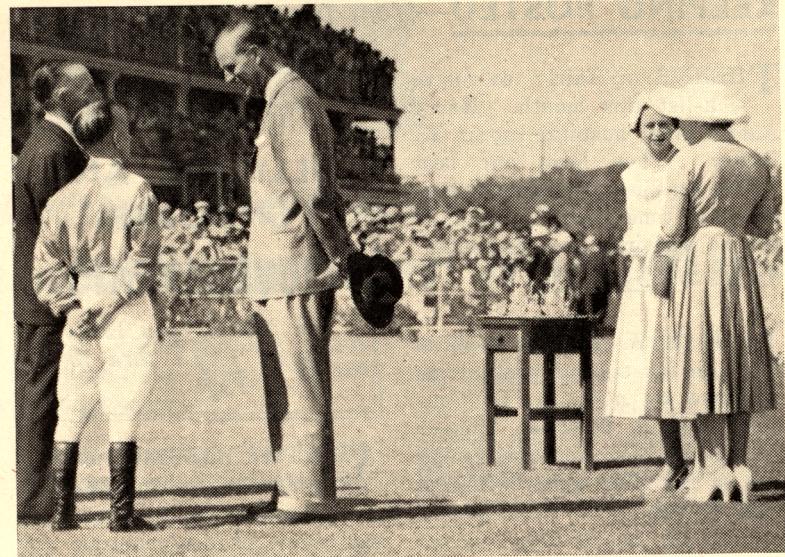
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1	W. T. Wood	17	W. W. Rogers
2	E. E. Hirst	18	H. Israel
	A. V. Miller		H. A. Kelly
4	T. F. Wilkie	19	J. D. Hathaway
5	Dr. R. J. Kristenson	20	B. Marks
	Bruce Chiene		A. J. Howarth
	J. D. Kelaher		John Torpy
6	C. O. Chambers	21	C. E. Fortescue
	T. S. Prescott		A. G. Allen
	Harry Plant	22	Eric Steel
7	P. G. Goldstein		G. W. Noe
	Con Murray	23	P. A. Shields
8	A. J. M. Kelly	24	C. O'Rourke
	T. O. Cummings		J. W. G. Muir
	G. B. Cullen		W. S. Newton
9	A. E. Crutten- den.		H. J. Coy
10	H. Bonomini	25	Donald Smith
	R. C. Brown		G. M. Nacard
	M. O. Larkins	26	N. H. Bishop
11	P. N. Roach		S. C. Canfield
12	W. E. Black	27	P. H. V.
13	H. M. Norton		Holmes
14	A. M. Bolot	28	K. Holmes
15	W. T. Connally		H. L. Norton
16	M. D. McDonald	29	S. Goldhill
	John English		J. K. Monro
			N. Wheeler
			V. L. Kirby
			W. T. Kirk

MARCH

1	A. J. Boulton	16	F. J. Williams
2	W. A. G. Purss	17	S. A. Willmott
	A. J. Keeling		H. B. Jones
2	W. H. Lannen		J. A. Stevenson
	N. J. Storey	18	A. Pratten
4	Roy Hendy, C.M.G.		H. R. Leeder
5	F. J. Carberry	20	R. B. Porter
	I. M. Davis		L. R. Harrison
6	A. A. Ritchie		R. C. Beveridge
	V. C. Bear	21	Dr. A. R.
	Vincent Carroll		Colwell
	J. A. Fraser	22	Jack Morris
	P. J. Monahan		N. A. L.
7	Dr. K. S. Richardson	23	Taylor
7	M. E. Hazel	24	E. L. Callaway
	G. W. Mills		Jack Allen
	E. R. Theodore		J. A. Driscoll
	J. D. Mullan	25	E. J. Morgan
8	Judge Clegg		T. A. Greaves
9	M. Zukerman	26	J. L. Monaro
	L. K. Martin		S. T. Tucker
	J. R. Paull	27	M. O. Barnett
10	A. G. Collins		E. J. Fletcher
	W. D. Wyatt	28	Mark Whitby, Snr.
11	J. H. E. Nathan	29	J. A. Roles
	M. Stevens		M. Frank Albert
	A. A. Ray	30	S. Goldberg
	Ronald Bowerman		J. N. Russell
	Fred Vockler	31	R. J. Want
12	A. W. Armstrong		S. N. Allen
13	H. E. Herman	32	J. A. Sullivan
	L. B. Isaacs		A. W. Lander
14	G. W. Savage	33	G. J. C. Moore
	J. P. O'Neill		C. J. Johnson
15	E. A. Moore	34	Granby Y.
	Ian Jacobson		Seymour
		35	J. L. McDermott

Members are invited to notify the Secretary of the date of their Birthday.



A MEMORABLE ROYAL OCCASION

The Duke of Edinburgh is chatting with trainer Harry Darwon and rider Arthur Podmore, after Blue Ocean's slashing win in the Queen Elizabeth Stakes. In the background is Her Majesty the Queen congratulating Mrs. W. Kelly one of the owners of the horse, just before presenting her with the trophy.

Photo. courtesy "The Sun."

MR. E. R. WILLIAMS added to his phenomenal success as an owner this season, by having the distinction of winning the first Australian race run in the presence of Her Majesty the Queen. His colt, *Pride of Egypt*, beat *Farquhar* by a length in the Westminster Juvenile Handicap, first race on the Randwick Programme on Queen's Day, 7th February. Adolph Bassar, who had high hopes of taking the race with his brilliant *Indian Empire*, suffered the disappointment of having to scratch the colt when he developed a rash the day before the race.

IT'S rumoured that Dave Mackie and Harry Hayes have both nominated for the Newcastle Jockey Club Committee; hard to think of any pair that would be greater assets to any racing body.

DON WILSON'S luck is still with him—two more wins with *Prince Jambo* and now a long and interesting trip coming up, to England and the Continent. Envious?

TALKING of trips overseas, Maurice McCarten and Neville Sellwood are shortly leaving for the U.S.A., Maurice as a guest of Mr. De Blois Wack, owner of Derby winner, *Deep River*.

BACK with us again is Tommy Smith, just returned from his annual visit to New Zealand to purchase yearlings. Question of the day: has he found another champion?

FRED GAWLER is having a slow recovery—still in Scottish Hospital, but keeping cheerful.

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HERE'S a fairly extensive sick-list this month. Harry Austin is in hospital—so is W. Dalley. They have our best wishes for speedy recovery; maybe by the time you read this they will be well into convalescence.

JOCK DOW was in hospital again for a brief spell—he is home by now. A. G. Connolly, too, is back at home—his friends have hopes of seeing him in the Club again within a week or two.

HENRY BRASH, recovering from an operation, also is now back home again and well on the road to recovery. And further additions to the List are V. J. McCarthy and B. E. McCormick, both of whom have been ill. To them, and to others on the List of whom we have no word, the best of good wishes for a speedy return to health.

JIM GERALD is another old friend up and about again—back on his feet and as good as new after the accident that lead to him breaking a bone in his heel.

A CERTAIN High Judicial Person, although not near the Royal Box, nevertheless managed to get an excellent view of the running of the Queen Elizabeth Stakes. From the top of a bus in High Street, Randwick!

PUZZLE Department: *How to pump water when there isn't any water? For the answer — ask Mick Nimenski.*

1954 BILLIARDS AND SNOOKER TOURNAMENTS

For Details and Entry Form, please turn to Page 17.

A DOLPH BASSER was in the news again on 12th February, when the announcement was made of his generous gift of £50,000 to Sydney University to build an electronic "brain." This sum brings to almost a quarter-million pounds the gifts that the owner of Delta has made to charity in the last five years—a magnificent total of generosity.

PARTICULARLY welcome visitor to the Club in early February was Reg Siganto, captain of the Brisbane Tattersall's Cricket Team. He is on his way for a Pacific Islands trip; we may see him again on the way back in a few weeks' time.

HIS many friends are envious indeed of Harry Lesnie—off in mid-February on a pleasure cruise for a few weeks.

PLEASANT to see Tony Naughton and Bill Gilson among several members back in the Club again.

THE Chairman, John Hickey, and Committeeman Frank Carberry, after seeing the Queen several times in Sydney, will be participating in the celebrations at Canberra during Her Majesty's visit there.

THE retiring chairman of the Combined and Northern Colliery Proprietors' Association, Club member E. E. Warren, was re-elected as chairman of both associations. This will be the sixth year that Mr. Warren has served both associations as chairman.

TATTERSALL'S CLUB SYDNEY

MEMBERS ARE ADVISED THAT TIME APPOINTMENTS MAY BE MADE WITH THE BARBER.

M. D. J. DAWSON,
Secretary.

QUOTA FOR FEBRUARY

160 AUSTRALIAN CIGARETTES



Play was social rather than serious over holidays

During the holiday period Club Competitions were suspended, and members indulged in many social games, which proved most popular.

THE match, Noel (The Nose) Hough and Ken (Dutch) Ranger, against Fred (Chief) Vockler and Lance (The Prince) Williams, created a great deal of interest, seats on the bank were at a premium. After a neck and neck tussle, and a photo finish, the verdict was a "long nose" in favour of Hough and Ranger. It was freely rumoured that the Chief had been "got at," and on the advice of his coach, was given a stimulant, it had the desired effect, as his next bowl, a "toucher" laid right on the Kitty.

As was predicted — after many secret trials, "Swannie" Schwarz has now donned creams, and made his debut as a Bowler, more will be heard later of this class player.

Ted (Globe-trotter) Abbott was again the leader of fashion, his latest creation a new type Bowling Cap, sent to him by Babe Ruth.

The Mid-week Knock-out Competition was commenced on the 20th January and the results as follows:

S. Savory (City Markets), 27, defeated R. Lindsay (E.S.A. Bank), 15.

H. Hill (Tatts.), 42, defeated K. Donaldson (Chemists), 16.

R. McKerihan (Rural Bank), 23, defeated Alan Kippax (Cricketers), 17.

C. Comins (N'ele Tatts.), 32, defeated Alderman Hood (Woollahra Council), 13.

Ald. Mills (Woollahra Council), 24, defeated G. Booth (Tatts.), 17.

W. Kay (Manly Surf), 28, defeated J. Mahony (Sphinx Digs.), 17.

In the Pairs Knock-out, Alan Turner and Len Plasto (25) defeated Jim Hackett and Al Mahony (19) — Len has been playing consistently good Bowls, and with such an able partner my tip is that they will be battling out the finals.

Very nice to see Issie Silk rolling them up again after his recent illness — he could still find the Kitty almost every end.

Newcastle Tatts. are preparing for the return visit, and there is every indication that it will be a grand day — both in and out of the Club — on the greens they are taking no chances, and daily practice is the order, with an eye to avenge the score Jack O'Neill's rink inflicted on them.

Despite the hot weather during January, Members were not deterred and a good roll up resulted, familiar faces noted in the round-up included Bill McDonald, Bill Hole, Arthur McDowell, Jack Monro, Alf Bloomfield, Bert Levey, Johnny Gibbs and last but by no means least, Fred Pointing, looking younger than ever.

Tattersall's Bowlers will be pleased to learn that Don Draper, President of Double Bay Bowling Club, is home from Hospital and making very good progress, and the latest news is that he will shortly be down at "The Bay" to look the new building over, and is hopeful of holding the opening day about the middle of May.

As a result of the magnificent performance put up by Hough and Ranger, a challenge has been issued on behalf of Ken Williams and Swannie Schwarz. It is understood that Cecil Davis has almost completed negotiations, and Members can look forward to a most entertaining and thrilling match.

One of the busiest Bowlers at the moment is "Mannie" Solomon, reports indicate that Friday is the only day he has a "let-up" from Bowls — "We'll see what can be done about that."

Harold Herman Leads for Month—and for Year

Harold Herman was a very happy man when he took the last monthly Point Score and, not content with that, he took the lead in the "Native Son" Point Score.

AS a matter of fact, Harold had a nervy few weeks as, after taking the lead in the monthly series on 17th December, there was a recess until 12th January, when the first of the two deciding events started.

Anyhow, he was equal to the occasion, swimming third and first in the two deciders and in addition he tied for second and filled third place in the current series, filling third place with two events to go.

However, his last effort lost him a second off his handicap, so it's going to be tough going from now on.

Allan Stewart is making them all sit up in the current monthly series, having won two events and scoring the possible sixteen points. Recently Allan had his handicap reduced a second, so the job's ahead of him.

Bill Williams, too, is making the pace a cracker with a tie for second and a second in the last two races, putting him only 2½ points behind Stewart.

We have to report a first-up winner in Fred Daly, M.H.R., who collected a 40 yards Handicap on 2nd February in fine style and lost a second from his

handicap. His form showed that he must have been putting in some fine work in preparation for the Royal Tour.

Saw him surfing at Bilgola Beach during the previous week and noted how sprightly he looked, so his win was no surprise.

The races of February 2nd and 4th was a black day for some of our swimmers, three of them, Allan Stewart, Harold Herman and Fred Daly getting the eye from the Handicapper and losing a second each. Must have been some "go-fast" in the Pool.

Glad to see Ron Moran in action again after a long break, even though third in a heat was the best he could do.

Places in the "Native Son" Point Score have undergone changes since last month. Geoff Laforest, who has been in the lead all the season, is battling hard to hold second place, level with John Dexter, five points behind Harold Herman, whilst Bob Harris has advanced to fourth place.

The most sensational advance, however, is that of Allan Stew-

art, who has come up from sixteenth to seventh place.

With about five months still to go, there are going to be a lot of changes, and some of the swimmers away down the ladder at present may be expected to fight it out with the top dogs of the moment.

Best winning times of the month were: 20.8, 21.3 and 21.4, A. Stewart; 21.5 and 22.2, W. Williams; 21.8, R. Harris; 22.1, B. Chiene; 22.2, H. Davis.

Results

12th January, 1954—80 yards Brace Relay Handicaps:—W. Kirwan and W. Williams (48) 1, R. Harris and J. O. Dexter (44) 2, J. Shaffran and H. Herman (51) 3. Time, 47.5 secs.

19th January, 1954—40 yards Handicap:—1st Division Final—H. Herman (28) 1, W. Williams (22) 2, S. Murray (25) 3. Time, 27.7 secs. 2nd Division Final—A. Stewart (22) 1, H. E. Davis (22) 2, J. O. Dexter (22) 3. Time, 21.6 secs.

26th January, 1954—80 yards Brace Relay Handicap:—A. Stewart and P. Lindsay (46) 1, J. Shaffran and H. Herman (51) and B. Chiene and W. Williams (44) 2. Time, 44.5 secs.

2nd February, 1954—40 yards Handicap:—1st Division Final—

A. Stewart (22) 1, C. Godhard (26) 2, H. Herman (28) 3. Time, 20.8 secs. 2nd Division Final—F. Daly (32) 1, W. Williams (22) 2, R. Harris (22) 3. Time, 30.1 secs.

December, 1953-January, 1954, Point Score

This series resulted:—H. Herman, 28½ points, 1; J. O. Dexter, 24½, 2; H. E. Davis, 20½, 3; G. Laforest, 19, 4; R. Harris, 18½, 5; C. Godhard, 18, 6; A. McCamley, 17½, 7; A. Stewart, 16, 8; P. Lindsay, S. Murray and N. Barrell, 15½, 9; F. Harvie and J. Shaffran, 15, 10.

January-February Point Score

With two races to complete it, the leaders in this series are:—A. Stewart 16, W. Williams 13½, H. Herman 12½, P. Lindsay 12, J. Shaffran and B. Chiene 9½, C. Godhard and R. Harris 9, F. M. Wayland, F. Daly and S. Murray 8, A. McCamley, J. O. Dexter and T. Barrell 7, N. Barrell and G. Laforest 6.

"Native Son" Point Score

The leader in this series, for all points scored during the season, at 4th February are:—H. Herman 77, J. O. Dexter 72, G. Laforest 71, R. Harris 65½, T. Barrell 62½, C. Godhard 60½, A. Stewart 59, S. Murray 58½, A. McCamley 57½, H. E. Davis 55, P. Lindsay 53½, J. Shaffran 47, B. Chiene 46½, K. Francis 42, F. Harvie 41, N. Barrell 40½, W. Williams 38½, T. M. Wayland 38, P. Williams 37, J. N. Creer 36, F. Clift 35½, A. Rennix 35½, W. Kirwan 33½, M. Fuller 32½, G. Shaw 30, C. Hoole 29½, M. Larkins 29, S. Larkin 27, G. Boulton 24.

HAND BALL



Hon. Secretary urges More Competition Progress

Owing to the intervention of Xmas and New Year Holidays, competitions for the various grades have been lagging, and competitors are not showing a great deal of enthusiasm in getting back into form.

THE Hon. Secretary is most disappointed, and he would like all players to co-operate by playing their games to bring these events to a close. He particularly asked me to give the competitors this reminder, as he will soon have to organise the annual Handball Dinner and Prize List—so with a little co-operation, you can assist him. What about it, chaps?

The only game played since our last notes appeared was between Harry Castles and Cuth Godhard in C Grade—and what a game it was!! Harry is a real surprise packet and Cuth, although he played very well, could not hold him. Harry won in straight sets: 12-12; 21-13. For C Graders, this was a very good game, exciting and well played. As a matter of fact, Harry on the day would have beaten many players in the higher grades.

For members' information, competition results are shown on Page 24.

PERSONAL

It is good to see Bob Withycombe in the Club regularly again. We must congratulate you, Bob, on your fine recovery, and sincerely hope it is a permanent one.

It is also good to see Vic Richards looking so well. Vic called in to see the swimmers a few days ago, and he looked

so well, I am inclined to think he has been "swinging the lead." Congratulations to you, too, Vic. Come and see us more often!

Sam Block was not in the best of health for a few days, but is back on the job again.

Congratulations to a regular 3rd Floor man—our Committee member—Don Wilson. Don's horse, "Prince Jambo," completed a treble with straight wins at Randwick and Rosehill. The Prince is trained by a Club member, Fil Alotta, whose wife is part owner with Don in this splendid colt. May he win many more races for them!

Eric Thompson has just completed a trip to Hong Kong and Japan. Arrived home looking fit and well. Those Geisha Girls certainly do something for you.

John Shaffran, is planning another trip to Europe soon, and he tells me that he is going behind the "Iron Curtain." From what I know of John, that is not the only curtain he will be getting behind—a real live wire, our John, and never misses an opportunity. Good luck, John!

On Holidays: Harry Davis and Family; Stewart Murray and Wife (Fishing); John Dexter, Senior; etc., etc.

HANDBALL COMPETITION CHART See Page 24

Friendly Phil. Roper Directs Royal Tour Arrangements In N.S.W.

HAS ESSENTIAL QUALITY — HE LIKES PEOPLE

Members who may marvel at the complexity of the arrangements, the split-second timing of the details of the Queen's visit remind themselves that the main responsibility for those arrangements is in the hands of a fellow-member who is the very essence of amiability—

Philip Roper.

IT may well be true that the multitude of details connected with the Royal Tour would try the patience of a saint; but, as his friends will tell you, Phil Roper has a great deal of patience and another most necessary attribute for a successful organiser — he likes people. And the corollary of that is also true — people like him.

His colleagues in the Public Service believe that before the Royal Tour ends his job as State Director will put his amiability to a pretty thorough test.

They wonder how the amiability will wear under the voiced and unvoiced criticisms, the hurt feelings, injured vanities, and petty jealousies which invariably arise on occasions such as these.

So far his job hasn't rubbed the corriers off his smile, or given him, though he is infernally busy, an appearance of strain. Perhaps this is because — as those who know him well assert — behind the amiability is shrewdness.

When he goes home with a pile of work from his office, he puts his feet up and relaxes as he runs through the things that have to be done — a picture of a man who refuses to succumb to the overstrain that has plagued other tenants of his job as Under-Secretary of the Premier's Department.

Since his appointment as Director of the Royal tour in N.S.W., and if he is in the mood, he will take home with him some of the songs he has received from composers anxious to celebrate the Royal visit and try them out on the piano. Sing them, too.

He can't make any use of these songs on the Royal tour, but it is all part of his philosophy that he shouldn't fail to enjoy them, and appreciate whatever merit they have.

For years he has played the piano — and always in that spirit. He and a friend with a fiddle used to play at dances — not for money, but, as he will tell you, for sheer enjoyment.



The same feeling of friendliness and liking for people has made him take up bowls, which he tells you is a nice, friendly, sociable game, in which you play as a team together.

Philip Roper is 47. In his twenties his game was tennis. He played with Mosman in hard-court competitions, and won his club's singles championship. Now he recalls those days with enthusiasm because he found tennis, too, a friendly game.

Phil Roper is known in the Public Service as "one of the bright boys."

It is an old story which goes back further than most of those who call him that would realise. Mr. Wurth, who is Chairman of the Public Service Board, was a friend of Phil's father, a public servant who became Under-Secretary for Lands.

Phil was the youngest boy of a family of eight boys and four girls, and after leaving North Sydney Boys' High School back in 1923 he went for a year to help two of his brothers on their farm.

But he was not entirely happy in the life of the country, perhaps he had a little of the restlessness of his cousins, Clive and Bert of the Evatt family; more likely he found the bush too lonely for his gregarious nature. Whatever it was, he turned down the chance to go into partnership with his brothers and came back to Sydney. He decided to enter the Public Service, and Mr. Wurth, out of friendship, coached him for the entrance examination.

His first job at the age of 18 was in the Registrar-General's Department in 1924, where he worked as a cadet draftsman for £2/10/- a week (which he still thinks wasn't bad for those days).

Even so, he calculated that by the time he was old enough to marry he wouldn't be able to afford to, unless he got some special qualifications by outside study.

So he arranged with his bosses to adjust his hours so he could study law, paid his own way to the University and the Law School, and said nothing at home about it.

His family used to wonder where he went some nights until one of his elder brothers (now a Supreme Court Judge) was appointed a lecturer in Equity. Then the secret was out and he had to work in earnest.

His progress in the Public Service was rapid. He became legal officer in the Labour and Industry Department, where he worked for some years under his father's old friend, Mr. Wurth, who was then Industrial Registrar. And a year or so after Mr. Wurth became a member of the Public Service Board the Board made the "bright boy" an inspector.

During the war Mr. Wurth became Australia's first Director-General of Manpower, and thought well enough of Roper to take him to the Federal manpower office where he became Assistant Director-General under Mr. Wurth's successor, Mr. W. Funnell.

After the war he went back to the New South Wales Public Service as a board inspector again, but not for long. Two years later he was Under-Secretary and Permanent Head of the Premier's Department — at 41 the youngest man ever to fill that post.

In the process he gained the confidence of two Premiers — Mr. (now Sir William) McKell and Mr. McGirr.

Since then he seems also to have won the regard of Mr. Cahill, who took him and Mrs. Roper with his party to the Coronation, and has left the arrangements for the visit of Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh entirely in his hands.

Apart from other considerations, the job fell to Mr. Roper because a traditional function of the Premier's Department has been to entertain distinguished visitors, including Royalty.

If, as appears, he is well on top of his job now, it should not be surprising, because it is the fourth time he has been chosen as State Director for a Royal tour.

The first time was for the projected tour of George VI in 1949, which had to be postponed because of the King's illness, the second for the King's 1952 tour, which he had to abandon because of further illness, the third for the proposed visit of the present Queen (then Princess Elizabeth) in 1952, which was cancelled when the King died.

For the present tour he was able to swing existing organisations into operation, using the resources of the Public Service and co-opting outside bodies. He is gratified at the teamwork which has made a difficult task a lot easier than it might have been.

But the smooth-running and teamwork are essentially a reflection of Phil Roper's own ability — and the fact that, as we said at the beginning, he likes people.

After the Royal Tour, what does the future hold for Phil? He won't speculate with you, but his friends may point out that, in 1938, the man who held his present job as Under-Secretary of the Premier's Department was appointed Agent-General for N.S.W. in London; and the term of the present holder of that office, Mr. J. M. Tully, expires on 30th June next.

Whatever the future may hold, you may be sure that Phil Roper will bring to it his ready smile and friendly manner; and the good wishes of members will be with him.

Newest Stud in the Valley of Champions

Beautiful Baramul Exemplifies Principles of "Good Farming"

If you have ever been tempted to consider the pleasures of owning a horse or two — as most punters of moderate means are tempted at some time or another — then you should consider the case of Mr. A. O. Ellison, a solicitor of this city, whose purchase of a mare some fifteen years ago led him by easy and imperceptible stages to the full-scale, almost full-time ownership of one of the loveliest stud properties in New South Wales . . . Baramul.

TO some, this may sound like an Awful Warning; but to most of us, and undoubtedly to Mr. Ellison, this chain of cause and effect could mean the most rewarding of experiences, the most enriching fulfilment of the urge we all have to watch things grow and multiply.

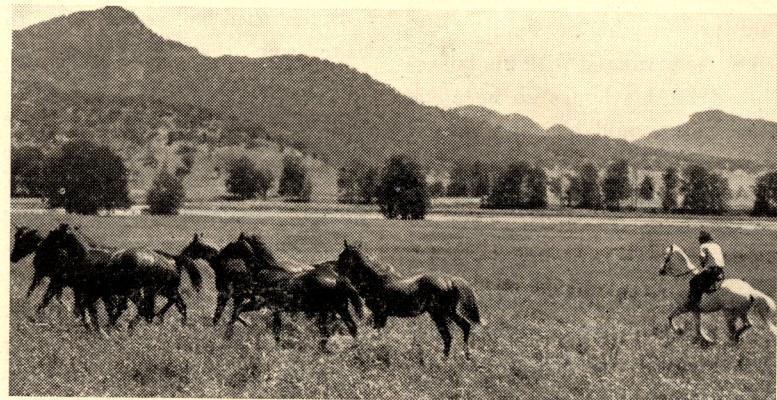
The story of Baramul, one of the newest thoroughbred studs in the State, is necessarily the story of the property's owner. For Baramul is basically the result of one man's reading, experience and planning in the science of stud management. To understand the why's and wherefore's of Baramul, you must understand a little of Mr. Ellison, whose quiet and rather scholarly charm, whose legal training would, you would think, lead him very far from the paths of studmastership.

But Mr. Ellison always liked racing and thoroughbreds. And,

as we have said, he fell for the temptation to enter the ranks of ownership. A keen gardener, and for many years a member of the Council of the Horticultural Society, he found enjoyment in his fine garden at Wahroonga, and his thinking logically prompted him to the purchase of a few acres of vacant pastureland near his home, where he could spell any colts or mares

he might own when they were out of training.

As a modest start he acquired a mare named Black Streak in 1939. She had a filly foal at foot by Ruffler, and was also in foal to the same sire. He set about creating the pasture necessary to bring this small stud nucleus to its full stature with the enthusiasm and practical application of the successful gardener; the ten acres or so at Wahroonga were ploughed and harrowed, tested and topdressed and set in new grass. The mare and her foals thrived well enough, but despite all these efforts, the foal at foot fetched no bid at the next year's sales, and was finally sold at 30 gns.



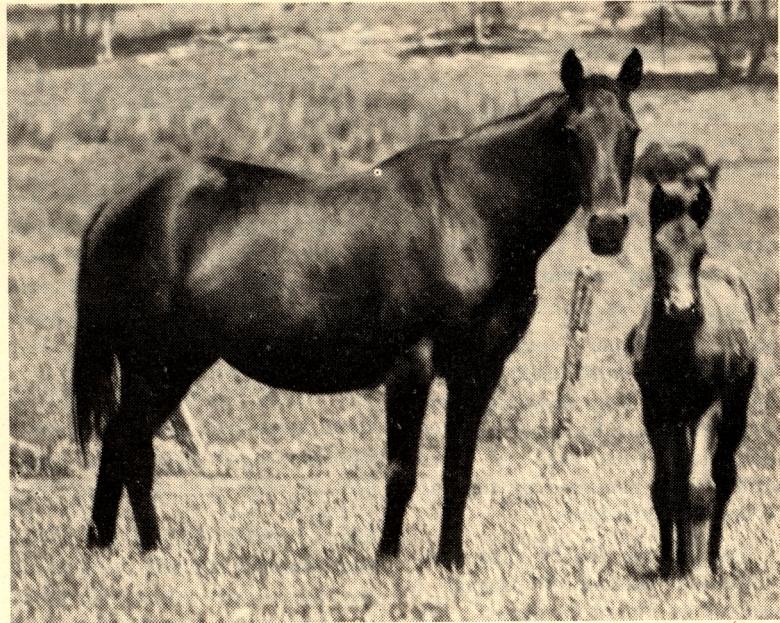
Yearlings by Kerry Piper galloping through the rich pastures of Baramul in the Widden Valley.

The next foal was a little more profitable and brought 80 gns., a profitable purchase indeed for the new owner, as it proved the winner of several races in Queensland.

In the meantime, Ellison was suffering from the usual superabundance of advice from friends and acquaintances; the gist of the advice being mostly the same—that you couldn't breed and rear good horses on the coast. He very nearly proved the critics wrong; he purchased several more mares in foal, further improved the rather stubborn Wahroonga clay, and got quite a few useful yearlings.

The best was probably Native Son, by Veilmond out of Black Streak, although Mr. Ellison sent him to the North-west of N.S.W. to be reared, and he was only "topped-off" at Redgums, Wahroonga; he won a Villiers and a Carrington Stakes. Another good-looking Veilmond colt out of New Flower, was bid at only 800 gns., and Mr. Ellison was so keen on the colt's breeding (he was the first foal of his dam) that he retained him and named him "Set Purpose" — the set purpose being to prove that the out-crossing exemplified in the breeding would be successful. The colt ran second in the Breeders' Plate at Randwick and won other good races. He was sold at substantially more than the amount bid, shortly before his start in the Breeders' Plate.

But Set Purpose was a small horse, and so were many other of the yearlings raised at Redgums. Another point was that, in those far-off days of 1940 odd, an admission at the Sales that a colt had been handfed on oats went against him in the bidding—these days when it's fashionable to give all sorts of



Sugar and Spice, first yearling sold by Mr. A. O. Ellison, bought back and installed "in luxury" at Baramul. She has a foal by Kerry Piper at foot.

additives, the reverse is sometimes true. And, of course, with a small property, hand-feeding of the stock was always necessary.

So Mr. Ellison, profiting by experience, and heeding particularly the deep reading he had been doing on the subject of raising thoroughbreds, decided to look for a place in the time-proven limestone country of the Upper Hunter valleys.

He spent a year or two looking around, and became captivated by the beautiful Widden Valley. Watered by the sandy bottomed, tree lined Widden Creek, rich in calcium salts; almost surrounded by sheltering hills timbered in box and apple-gum; with soil so deep and rich and well watered that it grew almost miraculous crops of lucerne without irrigation . . . the small valley seemed the ideal spot for a new venture in stud ownership. But there were only

five properties in the valley—A. W. Thompson's Widden Stud; Herbert Thompson's Oakleigh; Harris and Sons' Holbrook Stud at the head—and a dairy farm, Baramul, divided between two brothers of the Simpson family. While Ellison was still looking around, one of the Simpson brothers decided to sell—and, needless to say, the buyer was named Ellison.

Then came the fascinating but arduous time of planning the new stud. The year was 1946, materials and labour were short, and the property needed starting almost from scratch, home-stead and all. But the eight years have richly rewarded the owner for his time, his thought—and his money; Baramul—the name means "Ridge of White Box"—has emerged as a stud property of great and natural beauty, with all the amenities of civilisation for the owner and

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BARAMUL

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his staff, and all that careful planning can do to make the place highly successful for the raising of thoroughbred stock.

There are well-considered theories behind the purchase and planning of Baramul.

First, the theory of its location; limestone country has been proved time and again to be suitable for breeding thoroughbreds and Baramul had this advantage plus that of "lair" and shelter provided by the surrounding mountains.

Second, the theory that thoroughbred raising is mainly a matter of "good farming." Mr. Ellison is convinced that the horse, a herbivorous animal, responds more to the stimulus of the finest content in pasture and herbage than to all the additives that, he suspects, are often necessary because herbage is in some way deficient. So Baramul is being improved in pasture in every way that science can devise or experience suggest. Paddocks have a first-planting of lucerne, which is disced after it is well established, and a carefully-combined mixture of grasses sown. Impressed by a theory that was held by Lord Derby, Baramul runs ten cattle — mostly beef-cattle, to every horse, which is one of the most effective natural methods of controlling red worm. The fact that Baramul had been a dairy property for years and never used for raising horses, influenced Ellison in his purchase at the outset.

Third, the theory that, after pasture, the next most important items are water and shade. Eight wells on Baramul bring the best of water to stock in every paddock, even to the paddocks that front either side of

Widden Creek; and shade trees have been planted in profusion and protected against the adult horse's irritating habit of bark-stripping.

Another theory is really a part of "good farming." The 1,300 acres of Baramul had to be re-fenced and divided, and each fence carefully placed so that stock is rotated on a plan. Normally, there are four sections of thoroughbred stock—dry mares, mares with foals at foot, colts and fillies, and each section is led through a rotation of paddocks so that every paddock has a four to six months' spell. After stock has been moved on, the paddock is stripped clean by cattle then, if necessary, renovated and closed until required again. To keep this rotation correctly, a further, but smaller property, has been acquired on the other side of Widden.

All this planning and work, plus the provision of cottages, the improvement of the original small homestead and the provision of all the usual boxes for stallions and yearlings, has taken a deal of time and Baramul is only now coming into full operation.

Most of the mares to the number of 20 odd were purchased with great care, as yearling fillies. The first stallion, *Kerry Piper* (imp.), a stayer, has proved only moderately successful, but far higher hopes are held of *Star Kingdom* (imp.), the latest acquisition.

Star Kingdom, now a seven-year-old, was one of England's most brilliant sprinters of the post-war years, and was compared with the mighty "Spotted Wonder"—The Tetrarch. As a two-year-old he had five wins and a second out of six starts; his second, in the National Breeders' Produce

Stakes, was by a short head to brilliant Abernant, and several pressmen suggested that the judge erred in his decision.

As a three-year-old, *Star Kingdom* had three wins from five starts, the most meritorious was undoubtedly the Ascot Jersey Stakes, a race normally of one mile, but shortened by 65 yards on that 1949 occasion because of bomb damage to the course. He also won as a four-year-old before retirement to the stud.

By *Stardust* out of *Impromptu*, *Star Kingdom* undoubtedly was brilliant up to 1 mile, and his progeny will be watched with great interest. The first of his yearlings will be at the next sales—unfortunately only a limited number of colts, as his first crop were mostly fillies. He represents a carefully - calculated purchase by Stanley Wootton, who bought him in England for a syndicate consisting of himself, R. F. Moses and, of course, A. O. Ellison.

There are not many men as fortunate as Mr. Ellison; to formulate theories of horse-mastership; to translate them so pleasantly into practice as at Baramul; and to watch with such high expectation that they will be proved correct. At least he has had the encouragement, after his first two or three years, of raising a dual-Derby winner in *Alister*.

But, to show that Ellison, like so many other thinkers, is really a sentimentalist at heart, you will be intrigued to know that he managed to buy back the mare who had started him on this long and difficult path. He heard that *Sugar and Spice*, the first yearling he sold, was up for sale—and bought her, to instal her in the luxurious pastures at Baramul.

THE ORIGIN OF CLUBS

The First Clubs of which there is any record were those formed by the Greeks, religious in character and utterly unlike to-day's club.

THE Greeks were the first of the ancient peoples to form clubs, according to history. Their clubs were really known as Associations, religious in character, where groups of men gathered for some specific object to worship some particular deity. These ancient associations had absolutely nothing in common with modern clubs as we understand the term.

With the introduction of coffee houses in London, about the middle of the seventeenth century, clubs began a marked development. The coffee houses in many cases served as more permanent headquarters, and the great development of clubs at the beginning of the eighteenth century may be directly ascribed to this.

In the early part of the eighteenth century these so-called clubs often were in the nature of literary reunions, where politicos occupied a subsidiary place. However peaceful may have been their origin, they very often degenerated into a hotbed of strife and were eventually suppressed by law.

Later on, in the same century, clubs began to take on a more regular system of life and embraced all sorts of purposes. Many of the clubs that were formed about this time are still in existence. The literary and social clubs are most characteristic of this period.

It is most interesting to learn that the "Service Clubs" can be traced back to the close of the Napoleonic Wars, when large numbers of officers were at large in London and needed centres where they could meet.

What great advances to-day's clubs have made over the first ones to be formed! Or over the clubs at the beginning of this century! To-day's clubs are great institutions, many of them almost like cities in themselves. They are great forces for civic good. They are more than clubs — they are civic institutions.

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Bob Marshall — *a Gentleman of Billiards*

Ability to play billiards or snooker with more than average skill is a "sign of mis-spent youth"—according to the novice player. The poor player cannot believe that a really first-class cueist didn't grow up in a billiard-saloon.

HIS mental picture of a champion is someone who was born with a cue in his hand and was potting balls and scoring cannons before he could walk.

But it's not necessary to be a billiard-room lounger to become a really good player of either of the popular games. Take, for instance, the case of Bob Mar-

shall — three times world amateur billiard champion and the winner of 10 Australian championships.

Marshall did not have his first game until he was 15. Even now he does not play in the summer months and practises on an average, only about two hours daily before a championship match.

"The misspent youth theory is all bunkum and you don't need to have been a billiard-room tout to develop into a champion," said Marshall.

"I do everything possible to dispel the belief that billiards and snooker are played mostly by no-hoppers.

"I do not drink or smoke and never play in tournaments untidily dressed. In big games I, like most others, wear evening clothes and have never been guilty of playing anywhere with my sleeves rolled up."

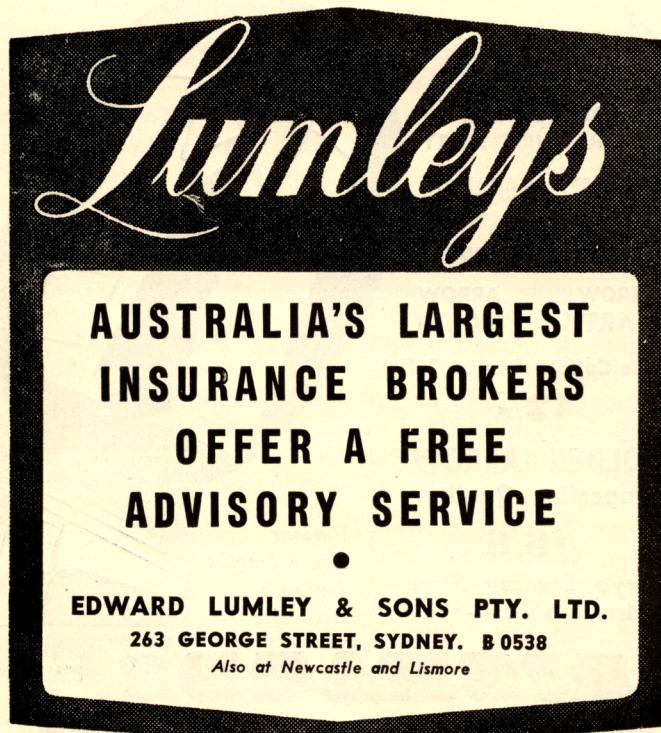
Marshall showed natural aptitude when he played his first game at 15, but he has had no lessons except one from world champion Walter Lindrum. Marshall was 16 at the time.

Marshall, now 43, was born at Kalgoorlie, Western Australia, birthplace about 11 years earlier of Lindrum. He won his first world title in South Africa in 1936. He was successful again in Melbourne two years later, and then completed the hat-trick in England in 1951.

Marshall was beaten for the first time in the world series by Englishman Leslie Drifford in India in 1952.

He has travelled the world and has played in England, Ireland, Scotland, South Africa, India, New Zealand, Colombo and Singapore.

Marshall holds practically every amateur billiard record



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possible including aggregate scores for 2, 4, 8, and 12 hours' play, session scores and averages. This year, in Brisbane, he scored a break of 702, a world record. His official record was 553 made in W.A. In practice play he strung together 1,056 in 1939. He believes he will make the elusive 1,000 break before he hangs up his cue.

Marshall's defeat by Driffield in India last year was a shock as the Australian seemed a "certainty" to hold his title. He said that he had "tip" trouble, but did not make excuses.

He pointed out that Driffield scored, to the best of his knowledge, 1,600 in four hours' play. Marshall's tally for the same period was 1,000.

"It was a queer game as I hold all the records for set periods of play," said Marshall.

"In two hours I've knocked up 1,867 and in four hours 3,189. Yet in the four hours' play of the championship I scored only 1,000."

The world title was played under difficulties and players needed plenty of towels just as much as they required cues.

In Melbourne in 1938 Marshall averaged 110 for a two-hour session. Over the full 12 hours' play his average was 52 for each visit to the table.

On one trip overseas, Marshall took part in a snooker tournament which he's not likely to forget in a hurry. The set of snooker balls was badly discoloured and it was almost impossible to tell the various colours.

"Don't worry about that," said the marker laconically. "You'll soon be able to pick them out by their shape."

On another occasion Marshall couldn't reach his cue-ball so said to the umpire, "Rest, please." One old lady in the audience said, "Oh, what a shame. The poor boy's tired."

Marshall owns, in partnership with his mother, a dry-cleaning business in Perth. He is married and has two children, Ian aged 15½ and Roberta, 8. Ian has a real aptitude for billiards while Roberta shows a lot of promise for a girl.

Ian was born while his father was playing in the world championship in Melbourne in 1938. Marshall's rivals in the championship started a collection for the new arrival and opened a banking account for him.

Marshall then prophesised, "In 20 years' time my son will be the youngest amateur billiard champion of the world." It will be interesting to see if Ian can

fulfil the prophecy. He has little more than four years to do the trick.

Marshall, essentially a billiard player, is good enough at snooker to hold the W.A. title. He played in the first amateur snooker championship of Australia held in Melbourne in October, but was beaten by N.S.W. champion, Warren Simpson, in the final.

The final consisted of the best of five games and Simpson won in three straight frames, which took only 45 minutes to finish. Simpson won the first frame 69 to 22, when Marshall conceded the game with the blue pink and black ball still on the table. The second frame took only a few minutes when Simpson cleared the table in three visits after breaking the balls up. The N.S.W. champion had breaks of 32, 52 and 32. Marshall potted only one red and a black.

Simpson had breaks of 42 and 35 in the final frame and again Marshall sunk only one red.

It was a remarkable championship in which the balls ran for Simpson with Marshall right out of luck. Nevertheless, it was "freak" play by Simpson and it is extremely doubtful if any in the world could beat the champion.

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SUMMARY OF SPORTS TOPICS

CRICKET

ENGLISH critics are already licking their lips in anticipation of their Test cricket team's tour of Australia in 1954-55 to defend the newly-won Ashes, despite England's defeats in the West Indies.

Former English Test captain C. B. Fry rates much-discussed fast bowler Fred Trueman as England's greatest gain from the 1953 rubber in England.

In the final Test, the only match decided, Trueman took the wickets of Harvey, Hole, de Courcy and Lindwall for 90 runs and had two chances dropped.

"We have found, after all, a genuinely fast bowler of class," writes Fry in an epilogue to "The Test Matches of 1953," by E. W. Swanton, cricket correspondent of London "Daily Telegraph." "This Trueman is bet-

ter than was Tom Richardson in the first match I played with him for Surrey Second in 1891."

Richardson was then 21, a year younger than Trueman was at The Oval last August. Noted for handle-bar moustaches and a high delivery, Richardson became one of the most revered English fast bowlers and in six years to 1898 took 88 wickets in 14 Tests against Australia, compared with Harold Larwood's 64 wickets in 15 Tests for England and Jack Gregory's 70 in 21 Tests for Australia.

Fry adds, "Trueman needs only to master 'forever accuracy' to win many matches for England. An athlete with a swing!"

"We have found, after inexplicable hesitation, in P. B. H. May a batsman of old-time power and precision.

"We have found in Lock and

Wardle a new Bobby Peel and another Johnny Briggs."

Peel (Yorkshire) and Briggs (Lancashire) were pioneers of English left-hand spin bowling in Tests, setting a pattern for later Yorkshiremen, Wilfred Rhodes and Hedley Verity. Peel took 102 wickets in 20 Tests (all against Australia) and Briggs 118 wickets in 33 Tests, the last in 1899.

Fry describes Trevor Bailey as an old-time all-rounder who is an invaluable "safety match" for a crisis and a far better bowler than the critics yet know.

Fry pays this tribute to the Australians, "It was a fine pleasure to see the younger brigade produce the old Australian ring-craft. We saw there elastic, fresh-faced fellows take the long handle the moment our spin bowlers broke through the earlier batsmen. They know the game. To Archer and Davidson full marks."

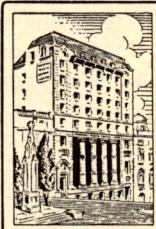
Chiding over-excitable critics, Fry asks, "when will our roosters learn not to crow overnight before the dawn and final sunshine? Why write with goose quills?"

"You will not find Swanton committing such a gaffe as to refer to Keith Miller as a 'colossal flop.' May the great god Pan, who rules the willow trees, grant to Old England a few such flops! Keith Miller, the finest all-rounder alive!"

Swanton says the passing of Test supremacy from Australian to English hands will prove to be the spur that has been needed in Melbourne, Sydney and Adelaide.

"One can almost savor the unholly relish with which the next MCC team will be received at Perth in October," he writes.

Swanton answers attempts to



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belittle the Australian team. "The idea that they were a weak side bears no close examination," he writes. "Hassett had the finest fast bowler in the world, Lindwall, and support for him was adequate in quantity — if not powerful, as the old sides had been, on slow or spinning wickets.

"The fielding of this side has scarcely ever been surpassed. Harvey in the cover country was in the most scintillating order, even by his own standards. Davidson is not only a magnificent fieldsman close in but is extraordinarily quick on the chase and turn. So, again, is Archer. Hole missed only one catch in the series and caught seven, including some wonderfully good ones. In the final Test, the older brigade, Hassett, Miller and Lindwall, more than once cut off hits that seemed certain to go through.

"If the form of some of the more experienced batsmen was erratic and unreliable, is it not proper to give the chief credit to the English bowlers, and chiefly to Bedser, whose performance was the outstanding event of the series?

"Against the run of county sides Morris, Miller, Hole and

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others looked fine enough batsmen; and Harvey, with 10 centuries, was absolutely devastating."

TROTTING

NIGHT-TROTTING continues to boom and will get an added boost with the running of the Inter-Dominion Championship at Adelaide this month. Interest in the event is mounting rapidly and already the "house full" is up at most of Adelaide's hotels.

Dozens of horses competing at the carnival will be flown from nearly every State in one of the biggest "air lifts" for a sporting event in Australia. Hundreds of enthusiasts will make the trip to South Australia to see the biggest trotting event of the year.

The Inter-Dominion Championship is, indeed, the "Melbourne Cup" of the light harness sport, and has done much to lift trotting to the high plane it now enjoys in Australia.

Since the Eastern States of Australia switched to night racing (Victoria in 1947 and N.S.W. in 1949) the championship carnival can now be compared favourably with the greatest of the Australian racing carnivals.

This year's carnival, the 13th of its kind, will be held at the Wayville track, near the city of Adelaide.

As usual, the carnival will be conducted over four nights, with the championship event to be run in nine heats; three on each of the first three nights and the final on the concluding night.

Dates for this year's carnival are Saturday, February 20; Wednesday, 24; Saturday, 27; and Saturday, March 6.

The South Australian Trotting Club has allotted more than £30,000 in prizemoney for the four nights, of which £21,500

will go to championship events.

Each of the nine heats is worth £1,000. The grand final carries a purse of £10,000 and there are two consolation events, each worth £1,250.

The Wayville track is one of the smallest in Australia and favours smart beginners. With a circumference of 550 yards, it is 45 feet wide with a straight of 110 yards. This year's championship will be the third to be staged at Adelaide since the inception of the race.

New Zealand horses have dominated the championship event, particularly in post-war years. Avian Derby, who won at Harold Park, Sydney, in 1952, was the first Australian-bred horse to win the championship since Bandbox was successful in 1947. New Zealand horses had won the previous four championships.

This year pacers in the Championship will race in heats over distances of 10 furlongs and 24 yards, 15 furlongs and 84 yards, and 11 furlongs and 32 yards, with the Grand Final of 13 furlongs.

A record nomination of 66 has been received by the SATC for this year's race, and they come from all over Australia and N.Z.

These are made up of 18 from S.A., 18 from N.S.W., 12 from

W.A., 11 from Victoria, five from N.Z., and two from Tasmania. Majority of the visiting horses will be transported by air, including the New Zealand representatives, who probably will be flown from Sydney.

Prospects for this year's big race have been assessed by enthusiasts ever since nominations closed, but one thing is certain—the field that finally qualifies for the Final will be the best ever brought together in Australasia.

Sydney fans will not look past their champion, Ribands, as the ultimate winner.

Ribands, son of Lawn Derby—only Australian pacer to break two minutes for the mile—is being hailed as the greatest of all Australian pacers.

His record certainly does much to substantiate this claim. At his first 34 starts, Ribands won 25 races, was second six times and third thrice, for a total stake-earning of nearly £22,000.

After breaking the 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ furlongs and 13 furlongs track records at the Harold Park Raceway at successive starts, Ribands spreadeagled a good field in the £3,000 A. G. Hunter Cup at Melbourne, again breaking a track record.

Other outstanding entries from N.S.W. include Blue Gamble, Re-

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covered, Uncle Joe, Bruce Hall and Lady Joss.

Uncle Joe has defeated Ribbands in a Free-for-all in Sydney, while Recovered finished second in the 1952 Inter-Dominion.

All five pacers nominated from New Zealand have outstanding records and Australian horses will have to be in top form to beat the Dominion competitors.

Billy Boy finished third on the Epsom grass track over $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles in 3.7-3/5, a mile rate of 2.5-1/5.

Pleasant Smile has been placed over 10 furlongs in a mile rate of 2.5-4/5, and has rated 2.6 over two miles.

Maori Home, another of the N.Z. pacers, finished third to Johnny Globe in his record-breaking mile run of 2.1-1/5.

In filling the minor placing, Maori Home "clocked" 2.3-2/5—a great effort from a standing start. Maori Home has also rated 2.6-1/5 over two miles.

Petite Yvonne has been placed over a mile in 2.3-1/5 and has won over 10 furlongs at 2.6 rate.

Western Australian fans pin most of their faith on Dillon Grattan, who has become a public idol at the Gloucester Park track in recent months.

Dillon Grattan, by the imported sire, Dillon Hall, won 11 successive races, beating the record previously held by Beau Don, who was a strong fancy last year and who is again engaged this year.

Another prominent pacer from the West, who is given a chance in Kollect Again, whose early brilliance is suited to the Wayville track.

Among the Victorian entries is former Tasmanian pacer, Floodlight, who, since failing in last year's Inter-Dominion final, has won a series of races in Victoria and South Australia.

Sparkling Max, another former Tasmanian, is also entered from Victoria, and his win in the Melbourne Pacers' Cup gives him

some prospects in the championship.

Other prominent Victorian critics include Dainty Rose, one of the best pacing mares in Australia.

Captain Sandy, only dual winner of the championship, is among the South Australian nominations. Captain Sandy, leading stakewinner with £44,000, won the big race in 1950 and again last year.

Bolivar Bill is expected to do well for South Australia, and Merchant, My Guy and Star Stranger have good records among the local nominations.

On past efforts of Inter-Dominion contenders it is certain that several of the Wayville track records will be shattered during the carnival.

Every distance over which the championship pacers raced at both Sydney in 1952 and Gloucester Park last year saw new records made. At the Harold Park Raceway, Avian Derby set new figures for 10, 11 $\frac{1}{4}$, and 13 furlongs, while South Australian representative, Minor Derby, broke the 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ furlongs track record.

At Gloucester Park in 1953 Avian Derby broke the 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles record, Recovered the 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ miles, Blue Mist the two miles. Ultimate winner, Captain Sandy, set new figures for the 13 furlongs in the grand final.

ATHLETICS

THE athletic world overseas wants John Landy, the world's greatest miler.

American, British, Continental and Scandinavian athletic promoters are seeking appearances by him.

Landy received, through Australian Amateur Athletic Union secretary, Mr. A. Hodsdon, 11 invitations to run in America.

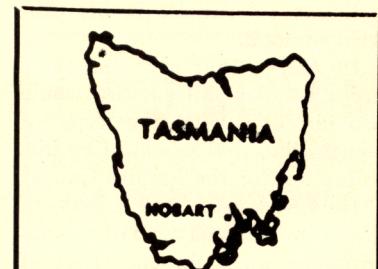
They had been rushed to Mr. Hodsdon by air mail from the

secretary of the Athletic Union of America, Mr. D. Ferris.

The Americans want Landy to compete in races which will be held between March and June.

He is invited to race at the Milwaukee (Wisconsin) indoor meeting, March 13; Cleveland (Ohio), March 19; Madison Square Garden, March 20; Southern Association at New Orleans; Louisiana outdoor mile, March 16; Benjamin Franklin mile meeting at Philadelphia, April 24-25; Atlantic City (N.J.) boardwalk straight mile track, May 2; Heptagonal Games, Cambridge (Massachusetts), May 15; West Coast relays, Fresno State College, May 15; Coliseum relays, Los Angeles, May 21; Compton Junior College relay (California), June 4; U.S. outdoor championships at St. Louis (Missouri), June 18-19.

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Mr. Ferris told Mr. Hodsdon that he had been "plagued" with applications asking him to invite Landy to America.

Landy is amazed at the interest being taken in him.

In addition to the American invitation, he has also been asked to run in England and other parts of Europe before the Empire Games.

Landy has declined to express a personal view on the invitations until he discusses the matter with officials of the Australian Union, but his friends say he would prefer to run in Europe.

He expressed that view after his excellent 4 m. 5.6 s. mile on the sodden Sydney Cricket Ground track.

He stated then that he would not be available for the Empire Games in Vancouver unless he could get the overseas competition before the Games.

Landy is realistic in his athletic outlook.

He knows that overseas there are European milers who would provide him with the type of competition that would bring him to his top for the Empire Games.

He also knows that if he went direct to Vancouver from Australia he would be far short of the condition that would be needed to beat the classy Englishman, Roger Bannister, whose time for the mile is very close to that of Landy.

If Landy ran at Vancouver direct from Australia he would be at the mercy of Bannister, just as Finnish star, Denis Johansson, was when racing against Landy in the mile recently.

Johansson essayed the impossible; trying to beat a fit man in world class months after his own season had ended, and without competition.

Landy's friends have seen the proposed American programme

and their view is that Landy would feel American promoters wanted him as a commercial proposition to put against their world-class miler Wes Santee.

BREEDING

MRS. F. Allotta and Mr. D. Wilson's b. c., Prince Jambo, 2 yrs., Jambo (imp.)-Saros (F. Allotta).

In each of two seasons the imported sire, Jambo, has proved himself by the production of at least one youngster of quality.

The first was Love to All, who quickly proved the outstanding two-year-old last season.

The second is her brother, Prince Jambo who, with three wins and a third to his credit from four starts is one of the most promising youngsters to date of the current season.

Prince Jambo's performances have justified the judgment and optimism trainer Fil Allotta showed when he paid 2,100 guineas for him at the last Sydney Easter yearling sales.

Like Love to All, Prince Jambo was bred at Puen Buen Stud, Seone, and was given his present name after contesting his first race as Jammock.

On both sides of his family he introduces lines that are extremely well known.

Particularly through his dam's lines is he linked with great names in Australian racing.

Saros was by Hellespont (imp.) from Studio, who was a very capable performer in Victoria.

A sister to Manrieo, who became one of the best horses in Australia some years ago, Studio was by Manfred from Lucina.

Lucina was by The Welkin (imp.), best known for his siring of Gloaming.

Manfred, one of the greatest horses of his day, was a son of Valais (imp.), sire of Heroic and through him ancestor of Ajax, Hua and Nuffield.

Hellespont had a fair measure of success at the stud in Australia, his stock racing mainly in Victoria and South Australia.

Jambo was a capable galloper in England, where he won seven races over distances ranging from five furlongs to a mile and a quarter.

His sire was Felicitation, winner of the Ascot Gold Cup (2½ miles) and Newmarket Jockey Club Cup (2½ miles).

Dodoma, dam of Jambo, produced in addition, Nilo, now at stud at Seone, where he got First Row and others, and Diableretta, best two-year-old filly of her year in England.

BOXING

JIMMY CARRUTHERS recently was offered at least 20,000 dollars (about £9,000) to defend his world bantamweight title against Nate Brooks in the United States before June.

Trainer Bill McConnell received a cable recently from International Boxing Club secretary Truman K. Gibson.

The cable read: "Are you interested in title contest with Nate Brooks in U.S.A. before June? Minimum guarantee 20,000 dollars."

Brooks last week won the North American bantamweight title from holder Billy Peacock.

Twenty-one-year-old university student, Nate Brooks is probably the most articulate and erudite fighter since Gene Tunney, says a New York correspondent.

Known as "The Scholar," the spindly shanked Nate won the Olympic flyweight championship in 1952. Among his Olympic victims was Willie Toweel, brother of former world bantamweight champion, Vic Toweel.

"I was satisfied with my performance against Peacock," Nate said, "but I can fight better."

"Because it was my first fight scheduled to go 12 rounds, I

Looking Back on Tattersall's Club

★ February, 1933

THE turn of the year to 1933 saw a great drive for membership — there were reduced entrance fees for a while to encourage the introduction of new members. The Club was emerging from the depression in a strong position financially, but the need was always — then as now — for members who would use and support the facilities the Club provided. Anyway, the period, October to April, saw 80 new faces — placing the total membership of that time at 2,100 odd.

MOST important news in the Magazine of February, 1933, was the announcement that the Club had entered into reciprocal arrangements with a group of American Clubs — a result of a brief visit late in 1932 by Snowy Baker. The first mutual relations were with the Los Angeles Athletic and its affiliates — Pacific Coast Club, Hollywood Athletic, Santa Monica Athletic and several other Southern California amateur athletic clubs. Members who have experienced the pleasures of visiting the Los Angeles Athletic Club — or the other clubs with whom affiliations were later formed — will bless the day. And we like to feel that the arrangements have been as pleasurable to members of these Clubs visiting Australia and experiencing our hospitality.

THE Inter-Club Competition started again in February, 1933, with ourselves meeting the

C.T.A. Club. Honours were about even — we won the Auction Bridge and the Billiards, lost the Snooker and Dominoes.

THE Golf Club and Swimming Club swung into high gear in February, 1933, after a short rest to recover from the festivities of Christmas and New Year. The Golfers met at Bonnie Doon on January 25th for a four-ball best-ball. K. A. Bennett and K. Caldwell won with a card of 4-up. In the swimming, Sam Block took the January-February point score which placed him second in the running for the Dewar Cup to C. Godhard.

HANS ROBERTSON set a new pool record for the 100 yards in February, 1933. Previous best had been held by Bondi swimmer, Arthur Besomo, at 56 secs., Hans took a fifth of a second off it to set the mark of 55 and four-fifths.

AS we mentioned in the last Magazine, 1932-33 was the season of Bodyline. Sensibly, members of the Club did not become too partisan about the question, and there were several happy gatherings of Jardine and his team-mates in the Club. During February, H. R. Miller and his fellow executives of N.S.W. Rugby League celebrated England's winning of the Ashes by entertaining Jardine, Sutcliffe, Leyland, Bowes and Paynter to dinner in the Club — it is recorded as a thoroughly happy evening.

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Racing Fixtures for 1954



FEBRUARY

Sydney Turf Club (Canterbury) Sat. 20
Sydney Turf Club (Rosehill) Sat. 27

MARCH

A.J.C. (Warwick Farm) Sat. 6
Sydney Turf Club (Canterbury) Sat. 13
Sydney Turf Club (Canterbury) Sat. 20
A.J.C. (Warwick Farm) Sat. 27

APRIL

A.J.C. (Warwick Farm) Sat. 3
Sydney Turf Club (Rosehill) Sat. 10
*Australian Jockey Club Sat. 17
*Australian Jockey Club Mon. 19
*Australian Jockey Club Wed. 21
*Australian Jockey Club Sat. 24
* (Autumn Meeting)
Australian Jockey Club Mon. 26

MAY

City Tattersall's (Randwick) Sat. 1
Sydney Turf Club (Canterbury) Sat. 8
A.J.C. (Warwick Farm) Sat. 15
Tattersall's Club (Randwick) Sat. 22
Sydney Turf Club (Canterbury) Sat. 29

JUNE

Sydney Turf Club (Rosehill) Sat. 5
*Australian Jockey Club Sat. 12
*Australian Jockey Club Mon. 14
* (Winter Meeting)

Sydney Turf Club (Canterbury) Sat. 19
A.J.C. (Warwick Farm) Sat. 26

JULY

A.J.C. (Warwick Farm) Sat. 3
Sydney Turf Club (Canterbury) Sat. 10
Sydney Turf Club (Canterbury) Sat. 17
Sydney Turf Club (Rosehill) Sat. 24
Sydney Turf Club (Rosehill) Sat. 31

AUGUST

*Australian Jockey Club Mon. 2
* (Bank Holiday Meeting)

Sydney Turf Club (Canterbury) Sat. 7
Sydney Turf Club (Canterbury) Sat. 14
A.J.C. (Warwick Farm) Sat. 21
Sydney Turf Club (Rosehill) Sat. 28

SEPTEMBER

Sydney Turf Club (Canterbury) Sat. 4
Tattersall's Club (Randwick) Sat. 11
Sydney Turf Club (Rosehill) Sat. 18
Sydney Turf Club (Rosehill) Sat. 25

OCTOBER

*Australian Jockey Club Sat. 2
*Australian Jockey Club Mon. 4
*Australian Jockey Club Wed. 6
*Australian Jockey Club Sat. 9
* (Spring Meeting)

City Tattersall's (Randwick) Sat. 16
Sydney Turf Club (Canterbury) Sat. 23
Australian Jockey Club Sat. 30

NOVEMBER

Sydney Turf Club (Canterbury) Sat. 6
A.J.C. (Warwick Farm) Sat. 13
A.J.C. (Warwick Farm) Sat. 20
Australian Jockey Club Sat. 27

DECEMBER

Sydney Turf Club (Rosehill) Sat. 4
Sydney Turf Club (Rosehill) Sat. 11
*Australian Jockey Club Sat. 18
*Australian Jockey Club Mon. 27
* (Summer Meeting)

felt the tensions and pressure more than usual."

Brooks has a non-title fight scheduled for March 22 with Henry (Pappy) Gault and a return bout with "Sweet Pea" Peacock for May 3.

If "The Scholar" beats Gault and can duplicate his victory over "Sweet Pea" he may have a crack at world champion Carruthers.

"I certainly hope I have a chance to fight Carruthers," said the unbelievably modest Nate.

"I have never seen him fight, but I understand he is a terrifically strong boy."

Brooks looks upon the ring as a means, not an end. He has no intention of making a career of boxing. Nate, who has always been introspective and intellectually inclined, is a student at Ohio State University.

"I hope boxing will pay my way through law school," he said.

"I've got four years to become a lawyer. I expect to win the world bantam title by then."

Most ring observers feel that books may not interfere with the boxer's brain, but they are fatal to the fighter's heart.

"The Scholar" feels that the trap of the educated boxer is that he succumbs to the feeling that "fighting is beneath my dignity."

"I have never felt that way about fighting; I like to fight and I like to study," Nate says.

In the Brooks family there are nine brothers — ranging in age from 15 to 33. All have had professional boxing experience or are rising amateurs. Nate's older brother, Paulie, won a four-rounder on the same card on which "The Scholar" shellacked "Sweet Pea."

Nate started his boxing career at 13.

Handball Competition Chart

A GRADE

McGilvray,	v.	———	McGilvray,	———	———
Lindsay,	v.	———	21-11, 21-9	———	———
Dexter,	v.	Dexter,	———	———	———
McCamley		Sellen,	———	———	———
21-12, 21-11					
Harvie,	v.	Partridge,	———	———	———
Partridge,		Lazarus,	———	———	———
23-22, 21-5					
Woodfield,	v.	———	———	———	———
Davis,	v.	———	———	———	———

B GRADE

Thompson,	v.	Thompson,	———	Thompson,	———
Penfold,		Boulton,	———	———	———
		12-21, 21-16,	———	———	———
		21-12	———	———	———
		H. E. Davis,	———	———	———
		A. Magill,	———	———	———
Kirwan,	v.	Shaffran,	———	———	———
Shaffran,		Thicknesse,	———	———	———
Chatterton,	v.	Fuller,	———	Eastment,	———
Fuller,		Eastment,	21-14, 22-20	———	———

C GRADE

P. Hill,	v.	———	———	———	———
D. Bloomfield,	v.	———	———	———	———
S. B. Solomon,	v.	———	———	———	———
K. Francis,	v.	———	———	———	———
T. Barrell,	v.	C. Godhard,	———	H. B. Castle,	———
H. B. Castle,		H. B. Castle,	21-12, 21-13	21-11	———
		14-21, 23-21,	———	———	———
		21-11	———	———	———
C. Laforest,	v.	C. Laforest,	———	———	———
P. Williams,		L. A. Silk,	———	———	———
R. G. Spencer,	v.	B. Adams,	———	———	———
N. Barrell,	v.	———	———	———	———

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